

## WHY DOES THE FACILITY DO COSMETIC SURGERY?

Elective Cosmetic Surgery is not a covered benefit under TRICARE. However, the Military Treatment Facilities have ongoing requirements for surgeons capable of performing reconstructive surgery. The skills used in performing cosmetic surgery procedures are often the same skills required in obtaining optimal results in reconstructive surgery. This helps maintain the surgeons specialty skills as well as helping them meet board certification and recertification requirements. Limited elective cosmetic surgery procedures are therefore authorized.



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Provide force health protection through quality healthcare for our beneficiaries and through education and training for our staff.

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## ELECTIVE COSMETIC SURGERY



Information for  
You!

## HOW ARE PROCEDURES DETERMINED TO BE ELECTIVE?



Annually the Assistant Secretary of Defense publishes a listing of procedures that have been identified as elective cosmetic procedures. This guidance is provided to the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller

whom in turn provides the information to the Military Treatment Facility Director for Re-

## WHAT IS MY COST?

Eligible DoD beneficiaries (Army, Air Force, Navy), including active duty personnel, undergoing elective cosmetic surgery procedures must pay the full cost to include; surgical fee, plus any applicable institutional and anesthesia fee for the procedures in accordance with the fee schedule published annually by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. In addition, the patient must pay for any cosmetic implants. Patients are responsible for any additional cost incurred due to complications of a cosmetic surgery procedure.

## HOW DO I PAY?



A worksheet is provided to the patient by the provider and the patient is instructed to present the worksheet to the cashier window, located on the first floor of the main hospital around the corner from the admission office (to the right as you enter main entrance). The worksheet will be reviewed by the billing staff and an estimate of cost will be calculated and provided to you. Please remember however that **“this is only an estimate and following surgery there may be additional charges”**. You can then take the paperwork home with you and decide whether or not you want to have the procedure.

Once you have made the determination that you do want to have the surgery, you will be required to pay the entire estimated cost up front before you will be placed on the surgery schedule. This is accomplished by coming to the cashier window and providing a check or money order in full for the estimated cost., payable to National Naval Medical Center. A receipt will be provided to you that can be taken to the clinic so you can be placed on the surgical schedule.

## ADDITIONAL COST AFTER SURGERY?

Once surgery has been completed, your record will be coded by our certified medical records coding staff who will assign the appropriate procedures codes (ICD-9, CPT) that were done by the physician during your episode of care. This information will be submitted to the billing staff who will in-turn assign a cost. If additional charges are included you will be balanced billed for the cost. If you were hospitalized your admission cost will be based on the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG). If for some reason a refund is due to you a form will be provided to you for completion. And then forwarded to DFAS to refund you the appropriate amount due. Please note electronic funds do not come directly from the Medical Treatment Facility and can take between 3-6 weeks to reach your bank account.



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